

TAMMANY AND

THE UTILITIES

The people of Edmonton have used their credit to the amount of \$1,000,000 to build a public utility system of water, gas and electric power.

light, telephone and street railway. They did so under the belief that they could manage their utilities as economically and efficiently as a private corporation and that by using their credit to provide

But besides cost and efficiency the effect of the ownership of

As a matter of fact, the question of the credit of the city is a fundamental question, not usually considered—because not generally understood—but which is now urgent owing to the absolute necessity of a further strain of the city's borrowing powers in order to prevent default, and all that the

Our total indebtedness is over 30 millions. One-third of this is for the utilities. If the utilities pay their way and yield a reasonable return for their service, and if the city and the mayor of like mind, they will have even greater control.

use of the city's credit they are an asset, and the ten million dollars borrowed on their account better the credit of the city by the amount of

On the other hand, if they do not pay their way"—if their management is such that they create deficits which

ultimately be met out of general taxation. They are of a use not as great as they seem. They do not set out a liability, and correspondingly depreciate the city's credit. If the utilities were paying their way

net debt of the city would be insured, rather. Instead of the figure being thirty millions it would be twenty millions, and the possibility of our borrowing the money we need so urgently now would be greatly enhanced.

approved. If the utilities had been managed that they were paying 5 per cent. dividend on capital invested they would be taking care of the interest of half the remaining

only millions of city debt, and the interest on only ten millions instead of over 30 millions would have to come out of the taxes. It would of course cost too much to hope that the utilities could make a profit.

cost, but they should certainly pay some profit over and above allowing their way" as a return for the sinking up of so large a part of the city's credit.

To make the utilities stand on their own feet is the only way to help the general credit and is the only possible justification for the re-establishment of the utilities.

ment of the city, in order to get management of that character a council majority must be elected on Monday next whose policy will be to manage the utilities as a business proposition for the purpose of securing

business results. During the ten years, it was practically impossible to get business management of thing. But the boom is far enough behind us now and too far in the dis-

to attempt to close would be to further deplete the state's

ing. There is surely enough civic
and sense of responsibility
among the citizens to save both the
city and the city by electing to
encourage men who in the first place

urgently necessary is that we favorably impress the investing public by electing a council pledged to efficient and economical management of the utilities with a policy of making them

pay their way, and such a system of bookkeeping as will show clearly whether or not they are doing it. It is the outside investing public to whom we owe money. It is to the same public we must go to borrow

of like mind as aldermen they are able to repeat next year their administration of this year if they can secure the election of Mrs. East and Driscoll and of a position will be,

ANADA WILL SUPPLY AS MANY MEN AS REQUIRED

War Borden Says Contingents Will Go Forward Regularly From Canada Until Peace is Declared—Monroe Doctrine

and the Dominion

and Empire clubs at noon yesterday, spoke publicly for the first time since parliament prorogued on question of the war and its causes.

Canada's responsibilities as a dominion in the British Empire to take part in the struggle.

Robert complimented General Dyer on his speech and said that the justice of the allies' cause is generally understood and recognized among our kinsmen in the great neighboring nation, and we are proud of their sympathy. A representative

The call of duty has not fallen unheeding ears in this country.

and west, every province and
ically every community has resided
with an ardor and spirit which
awakes the strength of the ties
bind together the dominions of
Empire. When the first contin-

During the delay which
announced that another would
before the war office in the pres-
of multitudinous affairs could

its composition, it was asked that in addition to the force had gone abroad, and in addition to 6,000 men engaged in garrisoned posts, duty we would enlist 25,000 men; and that France

A second contingent would be dispatched as soon as the necessary arms and equipment could be provided, as soon as the war office would agree to receive them. The

TRIED TO FORCE DARDANELLES.
BERLIN, Dec. 6.—A British submarine yesterday tried to force a passage through the Dardanelles, according to reports.

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